

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amended claims 1 through 3, 5, 8, and 16 through 19 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly comprising:
a bumper fascia for attachment to a motor vehicle having an aperture for allowing
a hitch tube to extend therethrough;

a main body adapted to be disposed over the hitch tube and mounted to said bumper fascia, said main body adapted to allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube; and

a cover plate hingedly connected to ~~either one of said main body and said bumper fascia~~ for moving between a closed position to close said aperture to conceal the hitch tube and an open position to open said aperture to expose the hitch tube.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly ~~as set forth in claim 1 wherein comprising:~~

a bumper fascia for attachment to a motor vehicle having an aperture for allowing a hitch tube to extend therethrough;

a main body adapted to be disposed over the hitch tube and adapted to allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube, said main body including at least one deflectable tab for retaining said main body on the hitch tube; and

a cover plate hingedly connected to either one of said main body and said bumper fascia for moving between a closed position to close said aperture to conceal the hitch tube and an open position to open said aperture to expose the hitch tube.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly ~~as set forth in claim 1~~ wherein comprising:

a bumper fascia for attachment to a motor vehicle having an aperture for allowing a hitch tube to extend therethrough;

a main body adapted to be disposed over the hitch tube and adapted to allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube, said main body further comprises at least one aperture extending transversely therethrough to allow passage of a lock pin to secure said main body to the hitch tube; and

a cover plate hingedly connected to either one of said main body and said bumper fascia for moving between a closed position to close said aperture to conceal the hitch tube and an open position to open said aperture to expose the hitch tube.

4. (ORIGINAL) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said main body comprises a front face having an opening extending longitudinally therethrough to allow insertion of the hitch into the hitch tube.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly ~~as set forth in claim 1~~ including comprising:

a bumper fascia for attachment to a motor vehicle having an aperture for allowing a hitch tube to extend therethrough;

a main body adapted to be disposed over the hitch tube and adapted to allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube;

a cover plate hingedly connected to either one of said main body and said bumper fascia for moving between a closed position to close said aperture to conceal the hitch tube and

an open position to open said aperture to expose the hitch tube; and

a fascia plate operatively supported by said cover plate.

6. (ORIGINAL) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 5 including indicia on a front face of said fascia plate.

7. (ORIGINAL) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 5 including indicia on a rear face of either one of said fascia plate and said cover plate.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly ~~as set forth in claim 1 including comprising:~~

a bumper fascia for attachment to a motor vehicle having an aperture for allowing a hitch tube to extend therethrough;

a main body adapted to be disposed over the hitch tube and adapted to allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube; and

a cover plate hingedly connected to either one of said main body and said bumper fascia for moving between a closed position to close said aperture to conceal the hitch tube and an open position to open said aperture to expose the hitch tube; and

a trim fascia operatively supported by said main body for covering a portion of said bumper fascia.

9. (ORIGINAL) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 8 including at least one sensor operatively supported by said trim fascia.

10. (ORIGINAL) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 8 including at least one light operatively supported by said trim fascia.

11. (ORIGINAL) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 8 including at least one camera operatively supported by said trim fascia.

12. (ORIGINAL) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 10 including a display connected to said at least one camera.

13. (ORIGINAL) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 12 wherein said display is located in a rearview mirror.

14. (ORIGINAL) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 8 including a latch operatively supported by said trim fascia.

15. (ORIGINAL) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 8 including a striker operatively supported by said cover plate to engage and disengage said latch.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly for a motor vehicle as set forth in claim 1 including comprising:

a main body adapted to be disposed over a hitch tube of the motor vehicle and adapted to allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube;

a cover receiver connected to ~~said bumper fascia and a bumper assembly of the~~ motor vehicle; and

a cover plate hingedly connected to said cover plate receiver for moving between a closed position to conceal the hitch tube and an open position to expose the hitch tube.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 16 including a bonding member disposed between said cover receiver and ~~said bumper fascia~~ the bumper assembly.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly as set forth in claim 1 2 including at least one hinge member operatively supported by said bumper fascia to hingedly connect said cover plate to said bumper fascia.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A trailer hitch cover assembly ~~as set forth in claim 18 including~~ comprising:

a bumper fascia for attachment to a motor vehicle having an aperture for allowing a hitch tube to extend therethrough;

a main body adapted to be disposed over the hitch tube and adapted to allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube;

a cover plate hingedly connected to either one of said main body and said bumper fascia for moving between a closed position to close said aperture to conceal the hitch tube and an open position to open said aperture to expose the hitch tube;

at least one hinge member operatively supported by said bumper fascia to hingedly connect said cover plate to said bumper fascia; and

a locking pin cooperating with said at least one hinge member.

20. (ORIGINAL) A trailer hitch cover assembly for a motor vehicle comprising:

a trim fascia for covering a portion of a bumper fascia of a motor vehicle having an aperture for allowing a hitch tube to extend therethrough;

a main body adapted to be disposed over the hitch tube and adapted to allow insertion of a hitch into the hitch tube;

a cover plate hingedly connected to said main body for moving between a closed position to close the hitch tube and an open position to open the hitch tube to allow insertion of the hitch into the hitch tube; and

a fascia plate operatively supported by said cover plate for moving between a closed position to close said aperture to conceal the hitch tube and an open position to open said aperture to expose the hitch tube.